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## Burma

## Grain and Feed

## Beans and Pulses Monthly Trade Report - May 2004

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**Report Highlights:**

Burma exported 139,895 metric tons of beans and pulses in May, an increase of 171 percent over the same month last year. China continues to be the second major buyer of Burma's beans and pulses, after India. It was learned that garden peas imported into China from Canada are being re-exported to Burma as border trade.

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## Trade

During May, Burma exported 139,895 metric tons (mt) of beans and pulses. Matpe comprised 47 percent, Toor Whole (Pigeon Pea) 30 percent and Mung beans 12 percent of the total beans and pulses export. The major destination was India who took 76 percent of the total beans and pulses export. China became the second major buyer, taking 14 percent. Trade with China occurs mostly as border trade. May's exports increased 171 percent from May 2003.

Bangladesh - a total of 1,516 mt of beans and pulses exported:

1,494 mt of Black Matpe  
22 mt of Mung bean

Belgium – a total of 22 mt of beans and pulses exported:

22 mt of Kidney beans

China – a total of 19,156 mt of beans and pulses exported:

9,643 mt of Mung beans  
3,857 mt of Cowpeas  
5,588 mt of Matpe  
68 mt of Butter beans (Lima beans)

Czech Republic - a total of 45 mt of beans and pulses exported:

45 mt of Kidney beans

India - a total of 105,807 of beans and pulses exported:

1,043 mt of Black Eye beans  
54,537 mt of Black Matpe  
2,240 mt of Chickpeas  
4,190 mt of Mung beans  
41,488 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon Pea)  
2,248 mt of Kidney beans  
61 mt of Butter beans (Lima beans)

Indonesia – a total of 327 mt of beans and pulses exported:

281 mt of Mung beans  
46 mt of Brown beans

Japan - a total of 2,097 mt of beans and pulses exported:

21 mt of Bamboo beans  
1,517 mt of Butter beans (Lima beans)  
517 mt of Matpe  
42 mt of Cowpea

Korea – a total of 42 mt of beans and pulses exported:

42 mt of Kidney beans

Malaysia - a total of 781 mt of beans and pulses exported:

89 mt of Matpe  
692 mt of Mung beans

Netherlands – a total of 24 mt of beans and pulses exported:

24 mt of Mung beans

Pakistan - a total of 4,123 mt of beans and pulses exported:

3,026 mt of Matpe  
690 mt of Chickpeas  
407 mt of Mung beans

Spain – a total of 44 mt of beans and pulses exported:

44 mt of Black Eye beans

Sri Lanka - a total of 1,191 mt of beans and pulses exported:

419 mt of Matpe  
726 mt of Mung beans  
46 mt of Chickpeas

Singapore - a total of 592 mt of beans and pulses exported:

310 mt of Mung beans  
198 mt of Black Matpe  
11 mt of Black Eye beans  
10 mt of Brown beans  
63 mt of Butter beans (Lima beans)

Saudi Arabia - a total of 45 mt of beans and pulses exported:

45 mt of Mung beans

Thailand - a total of 3,208 mt of beans and pulses exported:

303 mt of Black Matpe  
63 mt of Mung beans  
2,842 mt of Cowpea

Taiwan a total of 110 mt of beans and pulses exported:

110 mt of Mung beans

U.A.E – a total of 161 mt of beans and pulses exported:

46 mt of Black Eye beans  
115 mt of Black Matpe

United Kingdom - a total of 213 mt of beans and pulses exported:

213 mt of Mung beans

Vietnam - a total of 391 mt of beans and pulses exported:

391 mt of Mung beans

Beans and Pulses Exports (mt)	2003	2004
January	43,885	59,450
February	65,471	82,143
March	70,011	131,179
April	88,772	129,001
May	51,591	139,895

<b>June</b>	100,893	
<b>July</b>	107,520	
<b>August</b>	87,198	
<b>September</b>	100,575	
<b>October</b>	99,008	
<b>November</b>	36,638	
<b>December</b>	38,493	
<b>TOTAL</b>	890,055	541,668

### Prices

Export prices set for a metric ton of beans and pulses by the Price Appraisal Committee that met on May 2004 are:

FAQ= Fair Average Quality

SQ= Super Quality

Matpe (FAQ) US\$ 190

Matpe (SQ) US\$ 235

Butter beans (Lima beans) (FAQ) US\$ 240

Toor Whole (Pigeon pea) (FAQ) US\$ 300

### Market Situation

The Binyintnaung wholesale market in Rangoon continues to get new crop beans and pulses. Prices are strong due to a resurgence of export activity. Even though Burma is one of the world's largest producer of beans and pulses, garden pea production is not sufficient for domestic consumption. Imports of garden peas from China via border trade are allowed and garden peas imported to China from Canada are being re-exported to Burma.

End of report.